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In re Application of

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For: AUTOMATED APPRATUS INCLUDING A
ROBOTIC ARM FOR LOADING SAMPLES
INTO WELLS FOR FIRST DIMENSION
ELECTROPHORESIS SEPARATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed patents were cited in Applicants' corresponding PCT application, and a copy of the International Search Report dated November 20, 2001 is enclosed.

It is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these patents. However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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